



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Governor's Council for Agricultural Development Food Safety Modernization Working Group



MINUTES OF MEETING HELD February 27, 2014 Connecticut Department of Agriculture 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106

I. CALL TO ORDER

Jason Hoagland, working group co-chair, called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m. In addition to co-chairs George Hindinger, and Michael Keilty, other working group members present were:

Christine	Applewhite	DPH Food Protection
Nelson	Cecarelli	Cecarelli Farm
William	DellaCamera	Cecarelli Farm
Frank	Greene	DCP Food and Standards
Diane	Hirsch	UConn Extension
Steve	Souza	FDA CT Office

Also present were Governor's Council Chairman Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky, Vice Chairman Dean Gregory Weidemann, Leanne Skelton from the United States Department of Agriculture, Linda Piotrowicz with the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, working group staff Assistant Bureau Director Wayne Kasacek, and Mark Zotti, of the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Regulation and Inspection, and several guests.

Working group members that were invited but could not participate were:

Kristin	DeRosia-Banick	DoAg Aquaculture
Richard	Rybczynski	Heart of the Harvest
Anita	Kopchinski	Hidden Brook Gardens

II. APPROVAL OF 01/08/2014 MINUTES

The working group members reviewed draft minutes from 01/08/2014. Co-Chair George Hindinger moved to approve them and Diane Hirsch seconded. There was no discussion and the working group unanimously accepted the motion.

III. RECAP OF 01/29/2014 TOWN HALL MEETING

Co-chair Jason Hoagland provided a review of the Town Hall meeting on January 29, 2014. He mentioned the public comments received during the meeting and what the Co-chairs and working group staff have done with the comments to prepare the draft deliverables for further discussion amongst the working group. Mr. Hoagland then introduced Leanne Skelton of the USDA. Ms. Skelton is the liaison from USDA that worked with FDA and the development of the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA). She provided an overview of FSMA, the USDA's role, and took questions from working group participants.

IV. DEVELOPMENT OF DRAFT DELIVERABLES

Co-chair Jason Hoagland provided an outline of areas the working group suggestions should cover, including regulation, education, and funding. A discussion regarding the regulation component and cooperation among regulating agencies ensued, following by discussion of the educational and funding components.

V. RECAP AND NEXT STEPS

Co-Chair Jason Hoagland recapped the highlights of the discussion and the next steps, which include co-chairs and working group staff putting together draft preliminary, suggestions to the Governor's Council for Agricultural Development. These will be forwarded to working group members for review prior to and discussion during a March 20, 2014, conference call. Co-chairs Jason Hoagland, George Hindinger and Michael Keilty will report the finalized suggestions from this group back to the council at its quarterly meeting being held on April 1, 2014.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and Co-Chair Jason Hoagland adjourned meeting at 2:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Mark Zotti
March 3, 2014